

But like Donald Trump, the House Republican leadership seemingly can't help themselves when it comes to painting millions of law-abiding and hard-working immigrants as nothing but criminals.

Mr. Speaker, the safety of our communities should not be a political pawn. What the House Republican leadership is doing is irresponsible. Local law enforcement knows how to keep communities safe. Let them do their job.

FAKE OBAMACARE PAYMENTS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, we continue to see issues with the President's healthcare law, including the most recent GAO investigation that has revealed that there are major fraud problems with the enrollment Web site.

The nonpartisan watchdog discovered that www.healthcare.gov is unable to detect and prevent blatant fraud, as fake applicants were able to sign up for subsidies.

This red flag is yet another example of how the healthcare law is not achieving the goals that it has claimed. Premiums continue to rise. Medical innovation has been stifled. And patients have less choice when it comes to their own healthcare decisions.

Mr. Speaker, www.healthcare.gov was supposed to include a working verification system to ensure that nobody could cheat the system. However, it is clear from this investigation that there is very little fraud protection in place.

Mr. Speaker, whether it is through incompetence or apathy, it is unacceptable that hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being wasted because administrators aren't implementing fraud protection measures. The status quo must change.

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OPPOSE ENFORCE THE LAW FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

(Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in staunch opposition to H.R. 3009, the Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act, or perhaps better titled, the "Donald Trump Act." This bill is nothing more than an underhanded ploy to criminalize the immigrant community who, research shows, is less likely to commit serious crimes than native-born persons. To demonize an entire community based on the actions of a few does not inform wise policy.

Local police are best equipped to make decisions of how best to serve their communities. Let them make those decisions. Withholding Federal

funds from jurisdictions who have adopted local trust policies will not make our communities safer or fix our broken immigration system. It will only make it more difficult for local police to provide public safety to their communities.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this doesn't come as a surprise. This is the same Republican-led Congress that nearly shut down the Department of Homeland Security, compromising the safety of our communities.

I have consistently said that we need to focus on passing comprehensive immigration reform, yet time and time again, Republicans have shown the only aspect of immigration reform they are interested in is deportation.

REMEMBERING BROOKSVILLE'S VICE MAYOR, JOE JOHNSTON

(Mr. NUGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of the city of Brooksville's vice mayor and a good friend of mine, Joe Johnston III. Joe was as straightforward and as good as they come. The loss of his life has impacted the entire Hernando County community, and for obvious reasons.

Joe was a family man. He dedicated his life to his wife, Diana, their three daughters, his two brothers, and seven grandchildren in the same place where his parents raised him. He attended our local schools, graduated from the University of Florida, and moved back to be a paralegal in the firm which his father established and helped to build.

More often than not, Joe's devotion was indicative of his love for the greater community. Twenty years ago, Joe ran successfully for a seat on the Brooksville City Council and proudly served in that seat until his untimely death just this month.

He was compassionate and caring about those around him, whether he knew you or not. Joe was known for being a steady hand on the council and was never backing down, even when the odds were against him. And people respected that. He became well known in our small town not solely because of his politics or his career; in fact, it was mostly what he did outside of it. He was an outdoorsman, a traveler, a sailor, an adventurer, and a great member of the community.

Mr. Speaker, he understood that true appreciation in life comes from the experiences you have and the memories you make, and he embraced it with his all.

It pains me that, after 10 years, Joe lost his battle with cancer. So I stand here today to remember a leader I valued and to celebrate his great life.

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, only one of the top ten exporting countries in the world does not have an export-import agency that helps them finance new export deals, just one, and that country is the United States of America. That is because this Congress has failed to do what every Congress since FDR has done, and that is reauthorize the Export-Import Bank.

Today, Mr. Speaker, an American exporter is forced to compete against China, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy, and Japan with one hand tied behind its back. Their businesses get the support, their citizens get the jobs, and Americans are hung out to dry by their own government.

In my congressional district alone, 66 small businesses in the past 8 years have benefited from Export-Import financing of their exports. They have exported everything from peanut butter to industrial equipment.

Mr. Speaker, let's give Congress a chance to save American jobs. Let's have an up-or-down vote on the Export-Import Bank. If it came to a vote on this floor, it would surely pass.

CELEBRATING PIUTE COUNTY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. STEWART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Piute County's 150th birthday. Piute County was formed in January 1865, after a year of hard work by entrepreneurial Mormon pioneers.

Press reported that in only 1 year the settlers had built more than 4 miles of canals and more than 10 miles of roads, all to access the good farmland and timber and other things they would need as they built this community. One reporter noted:

The spirit of industry and perseverance in the people is manifest. Their actions are kind and benevolent towards one another, and they will make this a great place for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, the past 150 years have proven these words to be true. Today, the county is home to many hard-working residents, people who work in a uniquely beautiful rural setting. The county enjoys the world-famous Paiute ATV Trail, boating, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Piute County. They represent some of the best people our Nation has to offer, and I wish them much success as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the approaching 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and talk about the importance of restoring the Voting Rights Act as well.

For decades, the Voting Rights Act has stood as the guardian for all Americans to exercise their right to vote. But 2 years ago, the Supreme Court reversed course on expanding voting rights when it ruled that section 4 of the Voting Rights Act was unconstitutional. Just hours after that ruling, my home State of Texas immediately began enforcing discriminatory laws against minority citizens from voting.

I sued the State to fight these unconstitutional efforts in *Veasey v. Perry*, which the United States district court agreed that Rick Perry, then the Governor of Texas, signed an intentionally discriminatory Texas voter photo ID law. It was under Perry's watch as Governor of Texas that the State legislature passed the most egregious voter ID law in the entire country.

Mr. Speaker, as we await the decision of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on *Veasey v. Perry*, House Democrats will continue to fight against obstacles to voter participation and talk about the importance of restoring the Voting Rights Act. As you can tell by what is going on in Texas, it needs to be done now.

FIGHTING FOR THE UNBORN

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today with a heavy heart.

Recently, videos have been released showing senior employees at Planned Parenthood discussing a horrific topic: the proper way to preserve the heart, liver, and lungs of a child during an abortion in order to harvest those organs for sale.

Consider the illogical nature of the conclusion that an infant is not a life, that an infant is not worthy of preservation, but the organs, which give it life, are worthy enough to be kept and sold.

Pro-life or not, this should strike at the conscience of every human being, and, in a larger sense, it should strike at the conscience of a nation that this practice is permitted and allowed.

Following the release of these videos, House leadership called for an investigation into Planned Parenthood, which I commend and fully support.

I am often asked back home if I consider myself pro-life and, if so, why. My answer to them is simple: I will never forget hearing my daughter's heartbeat for the first time. That heartbeat had a name, and its name was Colby.

AMERICANS BELIEVE MEDIA IS INTENTIONALLY BIASED

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Americans are increasingly skeptical about the national news they receive.

A new study released this month conducted by the First Amendment Center and USA Today found that only 24 percent of Americans believe the media try to report the news without bias. This is a record low since the question was first asked a decade ago.

Mr. Speaker, 70 percent of respondents believe that news reports are intentionally biased. This represents a 15 percent increase just since last year. Millennials are even more suspicious about the news. Only 7 percent of Americans 18 to 21 years old said that the media report news objectively.

Media bias is both real and unfortunate. Americans will continue to reject the bias of the national liberal media until the media stops telling them what to think.

RECOGNIZING KATHY ARTS OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Walt Whitman explained the story of mankind when he said: "The powerful play goes on, and you will contribute a verse."

I rise today to recognize the many verses contributed by an extraordinary lady, Kathy Arts. Kathy has managed my district office for nearly 7 years and is retiring to contribute still more verses through her family, her friends, colleagues, community, and church.

Whether as a small-business owner for the past 28 years, a volunteer coordinator for local county fairs and community festivals or a charity fundraiser, Kathy is the paragon of a go-to person.

Kathy's most conspicuous virtue is her genuine concern for helping others, and that has been a godsend to my office and to the people of the Fourth Congressional District of California. In this, she is irreplaceable.

When I think of a meaningful life, I think of Kathy Arts and rise to thank her for her public service.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

(Mr. STUTZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of protecting the lives of the unborn and condemn the barbaric practices of Planned Parenthood as described by the foundation's medical directors in recently released video footage. The heartless and blatant disregard for the sanctity of life reveals the systemic problems with this organization, specifically, their culture of death.

Mr. Speaker, let's think about this: How can life-giving organs be considered more valuable than the very life of the baby from which they are taking those organs?

Hopefully, these sobering clips will embolden the Senate to move on finishing the fight to protect the unborn that are medically documented to feel pain at 20 weeks and pass H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, as the veil is pulled back and the practices of Planned Parenthood are further exposed, I remain steadfast in preventing taxpayer dollars from funding this organization. We must protect the innocent lives of the unborn in every way that we can.

HONORING HAL COXIN OF LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Hal Coxin to our community in Lake County, Illinois. Hal is literally an institution in Lake County, and there are few local leaders or organizations that have not benefited from Hal's leadership, generosity, and friendship.

On July 28, Hal is retiring from Consumers Credit Union, where he and his team led efforts to open the door for credit to thousands of people who otherwise would never have thought it possible.

Hal recognized that Consumers could do more for its customers than provide financial services and that they could also play a role in helping improve people's lives in other ways. It was not uncommon to find Hal and his team holding workshops or helping in the library, working to volunteer with organizations and helping them raise much-needed resources for very, very worthy causes.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call Hal my friend. He will surely be missed, but there is no doubt that he will continue to help people in our community even in retirement.

Thank you, Hal.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1599, SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT OF 2015, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1734, IMPROVING COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS REGULATION ACT OF 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 369 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 369

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1599) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act